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DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	27 March 1953
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1. A local resident stated that, at 2 a.m. on 7 March 1953, 8 trucks, 7 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns, 3 boxcarloads of troops, 2 boxcarloads of equipment and 1 field kitchen were entrained in Rudolstadt. The train left toward Orlamuende. 1 25X1
2. On 4 March, a column of 15 trucks, 12 prime movers each towing a 100-mm AT gun, 1 radio truck and several field kitchens left the Neues Lager in Koenigsbrueck toward Dresden. 2 25X1
- about 800 troops and numerous tanks and guns were seen in a simulated attack in the Lausnitz Heath, on 4 March. 3 25X1
3. At 6 p.m. on 1 March, about 35 trucks towing AT guns were seen in Gotha en route toward Langensalza. 4 25X1
4. At about 5 p.m. on 2 March, 8 guns and 5 trucks were seen at the Dresden-Neustadt railroad station, en route toward Koenigsbrueck. On 4 March, 16 rubber-tired gun carriages without barrels were entrained at the Klotzsche railroad station. The train had no engine and no tail lights. On 4 March, a JS-3 tank and three T-34 tanks were entrained at the Ottendorf-Okrilla-South railroad station. Although the train had no engine, concluded from the tail light that the train was bound for Dresden. On 9 March, a train carrying 32 trucks of Czech origin passed through the Dresden-Mitte railroad station proceeding toward Dresden-Neustadt. 5 25X1
5. On 25 February, about half of the apartments on Wilhelminen Strasse and Radeberger Strasse in the Waldschloesschen suburb, which had been requisitioned by the Soviets, were vacated for the German population. The two streets, which had been blocked, were reopened for civilian traffic. 6 A large destroyed storage shed in the area of the former Pfuetze & Co Firm, now a nationalized shipping agency, on Leipziger Strasse, was being dismantled and its large loading ramp was being reconditioned. 25X1

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6. At about 2 p.m. on 7 March, about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered red epaulets, armed with submachine guns, and carrying light field equipment and gasmasks, were seen marching in Jueterbog, coming from the railroad station and proceeding to the former Artillerie Kriegsschule.
7. On 24 February, an undetermined number of tanks and SF guns were unloaded from a train, which consisted of 14 flatcars with sideracks, 4 SSy-type flatcars and 5 boxcars, at the Weimar freight station. The train came from the direction of Weissenfels. On 25 February, a train carrying 12 trucks, [redacted] 5 x 76-mm guns, and including 5 boxcars occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, passed through the Weimar freight station, coming from the direction of Erfurt and proceeding toward Weissenfels. ⁷ At about 10:30 p.m. on 27 February, a train carrying 26 trucks, including 12 mounting AA machine guns; and 6 guns; and including 9 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through the Weimar freight station, coming from the direction of Erfurt and proceeding toward Weissenfels. ⁸ [redacted] at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. on 1 March, two trains were loaded at the Weimar freight station and left toward Weissenfels. ⁹
8. Trains loaded and unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station between 27 February and 8 March included:

Date	Composition of Trains	From	To
27 February	8 boxcars with furniture	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Moscow
1 March	5 boxcars and 13 flatcars with sideracks with military goods	Hagenow-Land Unit APN 24440	Brandenburg-Altstadt
2 March	5 tank cars with gasoline	Aken	Brandenburg-Altstadt (Briest)Unit [redacted]
3 March	5 tank cars with gasoline	Aken Unit APN 55611	Brandenburg-Altstadt (Briest)
6 March	11 boxcars and 26 flatcars	Hillersleben	Brandenburg-Altstadt Unit [redacted]
7 March	3 tank cars with gasoline	Velten Arado	Brandenburg-Altstadt
8 March	3 boxcars with furniture	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Leningrad

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1. Comment. Probably elements of the 497th AAA Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which went to Wustrow or Altengrabow for AAA firing practices. 25X1
2. Comment. In addition to the 4th Gds AA Div, an unidentified artillery brigade of the First Gds Mecz Army is believed stationed in the Neues Lager in Koenigsbrueck. The 100-mm AT guns mentioned in paragraph 2 are an indication for the presence there of the brigade. 25X1
3. Comment. Beginning mid-January, similar exercises have continually been reported in the area south of Koenigsbrueck. They are believed to be conducted by the 11th Gds Tank Div. 25X1
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4. Comment. The 128th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which was stationed in Gotha prior to late 1952, presumably returned to its new post in Langensalza, coming from Ohrdruf. 25X1
5. Comment. Presumably shipments of the 11th Gds Tank Div which went to Koenigsbrueck for artillery and tank firing practices. 25X1
6. Comment. Offices of the SOG are located in the Waldschloesschen suburb. 25X1
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7. Comment. The motor vehicle [] with the shipment on 25 February belong to an artillery unit of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. According to reports on transportation, the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned from Ohrdruf to Flaue on three trains on 25 February. 25X1
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8. Comment. The shipment observed on 27 February presumably belonged to the 20th Gds Mecz Div, two units of which returned from Ohrdruf to Jena on 27 February. 25X1
9. Comment. One shipment each of the 1173d AA. Regt of the 13th AAA Div went from Weimar to Altengrabow on 1 and 2 March for AAA firing practices. 25X1
10. Comment. [] presumably belongs to a unit of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) of the Third Shock Army in Brandenburg, which returned from an exercise in the area south of Schwerin. The shipment with its shipment [] was repeatedly confirmed. 25X1
[] belongs to the CATE of a fighter regiment in Brandenburg-Briest. [] is assigned to a fuel depot of the air force in Aken. [] is unknown. As the shipment with its shipment [] had repeatedly been reported and, [] observed during the loading in the Letzling Heath, the [] either belongs to a unit of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) of the Third Shock Army or was misidentified. 25X1

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